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'Will Wavell Dare Release Gandhi And His Colleagues?'

"New Statesman And Nation's" Poser To Viceroy On Solution Of Bengal Food Crisis

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, October 31.

Congratulating Lord Wavell for taking immediate steps to relieve the distress in Bengal the "New Statesman and Nation" says this is not enough.

The paper adds:—"We doubt if this problem can be solved without the active co-operation of Indian opinion. Will he dare release Mr. Gandhi and his colleagues?"

Vitamin Capsules To Be Flown For Bengal Destitutes

LONDON, Oct. 31.

The High Commissioner for India, Sir Samuel Runganadhan in a broadcast on Saturday disclosed that it is hoped to arrange for flying out to India a supply to vitamin capsules for medical treatment in hospital of cases of starvation and under nourishment.

Appealing for donations for Lord Wavell's Central Indian Relief Fund he said: "Shipping is the real difficulty in making available to India help which the Government of this country and of other parts of the Empire would otherwise be so eager to afford. The Government here are making available all shipping that can be spared and considerable quantities of foodstuffs are now beginning to arrive at Indian ports." A million and three-quarter persons were daily receiving free food at over 5,000 kitchens organised or subsidised by the Bengal Ministry.

"You will ask what can you ordinary citizens of this country do to show your sympathy?" Sir Samuel Runganadhan continued: "It is not a question of actually getting food to India. Governments can see to that, if only the shipping can be found. But there is a great deal else that needs doing. The work of private organisations, which are already helping in the distribution of free meals and in particular providing milk and other special foodstuffs for children, could be greatly expanded if more funds were available."

There will be much to do for months to come in the way of the aftercare for the sick and the clothing and feeding of the orphans. It is to meet this need that the Lord Mayor, the Secretary of State for India and I, as High Commissioner for India make this appeal to a wider public to-night."—Reuter.

Chungking Starts Fund For Bengal

CALCUTTA, Oct. 31.

Madame Chiang Kai-Shek has been unanimously elected Honorary Chairman of the India Famine Relief Association inaugurated on Friday evening at a special meeting called at Chungking under the auspices of the Sino-Indian Cultural Association, according to Information received by the Calcutta Office of the Chinese Ministry of Information.

It was decided at the meeting that at least 1,200,000 dollars should be collected from Chinese banking, industrial, commercial and other quarters as a contribution to famine relief in India. The Joint Board of the four Chinese Government Banks will be asked to advance this sum so as to send it immediately to Calcutta for the relief of sufferers. The financial campaign is expected to be completed in a month.

Mr. Tai-Chi-Tao, President of the Examination Yuan and Chairman of the Supervisory Committee of the Sino-Indian Cultural Association in Chungking presided at the meeting.

Emphasising the growing Sino-Indian friendship Mr. Tai-Chi-Tao urged the Chinese people to do their part in raising funds, however small they may be, for the relief of Indian victims in the food crisis. China would depend much on India for future industrial, agricultural and cultural reconstruction.—A.P.

Nazimuddin Cabinet Not To Blame, Says Jinnah

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Interviewed to-day on the Bengal Famine situation Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League said: "At this grave moment of terrible plight and suffering in Bengal and that appalling death-roll that is daily issued, I would not like to say anything as to who is really responsible for allowing this tragic situation to develop. But the present Ministry working under the present constitution with its limitations cannot be saddled with the responsibility and further they only came into power after the terrible crisis had overwhelmed Bengal. I am assured that they are doing their very best. But the fact remains that thousands are dying and I earnestly appeal to H.E. the Viceroy, Lord Wavell to leave no stone unturned and give immediate help and relief to the people of Bengal with all the resources that the Government of India can command.

Similarly, I appeal to Mr. Churchill in the coming debate in the House of Commons to make the position of His Majesty's Government clear and give a solemn assurance to the people of India and Bengal that His Majesty's Government will take immediate active steps to relieve the starving people of Bengal and secure in the future against its recurrence in Bengal or any other part of India. This muddle, whoever is responsible for it, is the greatest blot of the British Administration in this country and it must be wiped off without delay."

"Economist" Questions Amery's Arguments

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Oct. 30.

In an editorial on "Hungry Millions", the "Economist" says: "A Government that can imprison and punish as this one has done necessarily to preserve order cannot honestly refuse firm action to prevent famine, nor is the shipping argument in general sound or more convincing. Mr Amery claims that substantial quantities of shipping were allotted to take food to India early this year but nothing that is known to the Gregory Committee or anyone else about the actual imports bears this out and there is no evidence that the demands for tonnage commensurate with the famine that was already spreading a year ago had ever been made to Allied shipping authorities in London or Washington.

India Relief Committee For London

LONDON, Oct. 30: Public inauguration of the India Relief Committee will be on Monday November 1. Mr. Clement Davies, M.P. will preside and speakers will include Dame Sybil Thorndike, the Imam of Woking Mosque; the well-known historian and authority on India, Mr. Edward Thompson; Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. Charles Ammon; Reverend J. Groser and Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon.—Reuter.

Habitual Criminal Given Five Years' Jail

AMRITSAR, Oct. 30.

The Special Railway Magistrate, Mr Riaz Kureishy convicted to-day an elderly European named Dawson and sentenced him to five years rigorous imprisonment on a charge of stealing cash and bank drafts from the suitcase of an Indian while they were in a first class waiting room at Amritsar Station. It is stated that Dawson has 25 previous convictions to his credit.—A. P.

Tokio-Nanking Pact

TOKIO, Oct. 30.

The signing of a pact of alliance between Japan and the Nanking Government was reported by the Japanese News Agency on Saturday. Gen. Tojo, the Japanese Premier said: Japan will henceforth spare no effort to assist in the construction of new China in pursuance of the fundamental spirit of this pact and will march forward hand in hand with China in prosecuting the war in Greater East Asia to a victorious conclusion and in constructing the new order of greater East Asia.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAV ARMY CAPTURES DEBAR

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The free Yugoslav radio to-day broadcast a "communique" from the Yugoslav National Liberation Army, reporting the capture and occupation of the town of Debar, west of Skolpje on the Yugoslav-Albanian border. Secret groups of Albanian patriots co-operated in this operation. The town of Ticevo, which had been in Partisan hands, was recaptured by German troops after fighting lasting two days. Units of the Fifth Division have occupied the town of Priboj on the border of Serbia and Sandjak.—Reuter.

"Over-Worked" Viceroy To Get Relief!

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DEHLI, Oct. 30.

That the H.M. Government is likely to be persuaded to appoint a Minister of State in India to relieve Lord Wavell of his additional duties recently entrusted to him is the opinion expressed in certain quarters here.

The Commander-in-Chief has a Deputy for instance, at present. It has been pointed out, in No. 10 Downing Street announcement, the functions now entrusted to the Viceroy fall outside the responsibilities of the Government of India and of himself as Governor-General and constitutionally it will be immaterial if they were held by a Minister holding British Cabinet rank.

On the other hand, such appointment would assist him in reaching decisions earlier by means of discussions on the spot instead of cable exchanges between him and Whitehall.

Middle East and Egypt have Ministers with Cabinet ranks and therefore provide precedents.

Opinion in New Delhi is that the Government is likely to be persuaded to make a similar appointment which would give timely relief to Viceroy.

NAZIS LOSE 12,000 PANZERS

"German Hardships Almost Beyond Limits Of Endurance"

LONDON, Oct. 31.

The German News Agency said to-day: "Physical and spiritual exertions and hardships almost beyond the limits of endurance have been suffered by the German human wall which for five months has been facing a tremendous mass of Soviet forces on the Russian steppes.

"Twelve thousand tanks destroyed in the southern sector of the front since the opening of the Russian summer offensive give a picture of the gigantic struggle which has been unprecedented in the history of war."

SOVIET CLOSING IN ON NAZIS IN CRIMEA

MOSCOW:—The Red Army is closing in rapidly on the German forces in the Crimea. Genichesk, the last place of importance before the Crimea, was stormed.

It is the key to the narrow Isthmus carrying the Melitopol Railway to the Crimea. Thus success was announced in last night's Soviet 'communique' which also reported that Russian troops are now fighting on the banks of the Sivash inland sea separating the Crimea from the mainland. * At the same time Gen. Tolbukhin's flying columns advancing another 22 miles over the Tarichesk steppes have reached Askania-Nova, 23 miles from Perekop, the western gateway to the Crimea.

The 'communique' stated that the enemy was staging desperate counter-attacks on the Krivoi-Rog sector with large infantry and tank forces in an attempt to hold the Russians up to give their troops to the south a chance of escaping.—Reuter.

BADOGLIO'S BOLD PROGRAMME

NAPLES, Oct. 31.—"When the last German has been driven from Italy I will resign and then take up a musket and help to destroy them altogether," were Marshal Badoglio's opening remarks at a Conference with Allied war correspondents on his arrival here to-day, says Reuter's Special Correspondent.

CONFERS WITH LEADERS

The main point from Marshal Badoglio's statement was that he had come to Naples to confer with leaders of various Italian political parties resurrected after 20 years of Fascism, with a view to taking Neapolitan politicians into his Cabinet.

ITALIAN GROUP TO FIGHT GERMANS

Marshal Badoglio told war correspondents here that an Italian motorised group equipped with Allied and Italian equipment is ready to take the field "My purpose in visiting Naples" said the Marshal, "is to interview representatives of five leading parties.

I intend, if possible, that the present Italian Government should include representatives of all existing parties"

The Marshal gave a non-committal reply to questions whether the King's abdication and the setting up of a Regency would permit the formation of a more representative Government. He said the main purpose of his Government was to expel the Germans from Italy. Questions concerning the King and institution of Regency were controversial, and likely to divide rather than unite the nation, he added.—Reuter.

WHEN ARMISTICE TERMS WILL BE PUBLISHED

LONDON, October 29: Reuter's diplomatic correspondent writes that Economic and Financial Armistice terms with Italy were signed on September 29. They will be published as soon as practicable but it is not expected that that will be immediate. In order, as Mr. Richard Law Minister of State, said in the House of Commons on October 27, not to give information to the enemy.

These terms cover a wide field of political and economic issues as visualized in Article 12 of the Military terms which were signed on September 3rd and published on September 12th.—Reuter.

JAP WITHDRAWAL ON TREASURY ISLAND

Allied Headquarters in the South-West Pacific, Oct. 31.—It is officially reported that the Japanese are withdrawing before the Allied invading forces on Treasury Island in the Solomons

JAP SHIP SUNK

Allied planes sank a Japanese vessel laden with troops off Buka. Allied aircraft bombed a Japanese light cruiser, off New Ireland, and set fire to a 4,000-ton ship, off the Dutch Celebes.

JAP STEAMERS TORPEDOED

LONDON, Oct 29.—(Delayed): The Japanese News Agency reported today (Friday) that two Japanese steamers were torpedoed before dawn on Wednesday by Allied submarines in the East China Sea. The steamer damaged was the Nippon Yusen Kaisha vessel "Kamo Maru" of 7,955 tons. The one sunk was "Fuji Maru" (not listed in Lloyd's register). The agency adds that 10 members of the crews were killed or wounded and about 20 are missing. All others are safe.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

MADRID, Oct. 31.—Thirty-nine members of the crews of three Spanish fishing boats, who were picked up in the Cantabrian Sea by British warships and landed at Gibraltar reached Algeciras.

NEW YORK: — Max Reinhardt, theatre producer, died aged 70.—Reuter.

INDICTMENT OF BENGAL GOVT.

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Oct. 30.

According to the British Press the White Paper on food situation in India is a clear indictment of the Government of Bengal for its handling of food. The Bengal Government is accused both of failing to co-operate with the Government of India and obstructing the steps taken to relieve the situation.

LEAGUE LEADERS CONDEMN ANTI-INDIAN PROPAGANDA

"British And Indian Govts. Responsible For Bengal Famine"

CALCUTTA, Oct. 30.

"We are convinced after a study of the situation, that it is not provincial autonomy which is responsible for his catastrophe but the Government of India and the British Government are by their failure to take timely and suitable action guilty of culpable negligence", observe Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan, Honorary Secretary, All India Muslim League, and Nawab Md. Ismail Khan, Chairman, All India Muslim League Defence Committee, in a joint statement on the Bengal food situation to-day, after a tour of various parts of the province.

"Mr. Amery and other British statesmen", they say "have been trying to make provincial autonomy responsible to a large extent for Bengal's present trouble, and some of the Diehards are making the misery of the people of the province the chief plank in their propaganda against the capacity of Indians to rule themselves.

We entirely differ from Mr. Amery and others in fixing the responsibility for the present state of affairs in Bengal on the Provincial Government and we greatly deplore this anti-Indian propaganda of the Diehards. It is ignoble and certainly not in keeping with the British tradition of sportsmanship and fairplay to make scapegoat of others for their own failings and shortcomings."

RELIEF JUST TOUCHES THE FRINGE

"The gruesome picture of misery that stalks the land has left an indelible mark on our memory", says the statement and adds that the distress is "real, widespread and calamitous." The figures given in the Press from time to time of the number of destitutes who are being fed in the gruel kitchens established by the Government or subsidised by charitable associations fall far short of the numbers actually affected by this catastrophe. These figures do not take into account the lower middle classes who have sold away all that they possess including their land and houses to feed themselves and their families from black markets and whose self-respect prevents them from making a public exhibition of their destitution.

Famine Echo In U. S. Senate

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.

During his remarks in the Senate on American interest in India now, Senator Russell referred to the present famine.

He said: "This great country of 350 million souls is a land of contrast—great wealth for a few and indescribable poverty and filth for many. A great famine is now sweeping some provinces and causing unbearable suffering."—Reuter.

Good Response To Bengal Governor's Appeal

NEW DELHI, Oct. 30.

In response to the Bengal Governor's appeal for 250,000 tons to tide over the period before the next crop is harvested, it is learnt that arrangements have been made to dispatch the following quantities in the next two and a half months:—61,000 tons of rice, from Sind C.P., U.P., Punjab Eastern States, Bahavalpur and Orissa, 76,000 tons of wheat from U.P., Bahavalpur and other areas in India including a large quantities from Australia but excluding any dispatches of wheat from the Punjab, 40,000 tons of barley 15,000 tons of millets and 10,000 tons of gram.

In addition 90,000 tons of wheat products from the Punjab will be sent bringing the total quantity to 292,000 tons. Out of this, rationing in Calcutta will absorb 112,000 tons leaving 180,000 tons for the districts, but it seems unlikely that Calcutta can send more than 100,000 tons in this period to the districts, and General Wakley's task will include getting the other 80,000 tons delivered to the districts.—A. P

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE STANDING COMMITTEE

NEW DELHI, Oct. 30.

The "United Press" learns that the Standing Committee of the All-India Women's Conference will meet in Delhi on November 18 to consider 'inter alia' centralisation of relief work in Bengal and other distressed areas and the establishment of permanent homes for homeless in affected areas.

Mrs. Vijayaluxmi Pandit, the President, will arrive at Delhi and after the meeting will visit Bengal again along with Mrs. R. K. Nehru, Secretary of the Women's Conference.—United Press.

AFRICAN QUOTA

NAIROBI, Oct. 29: The Bengal Relief Fund subscriptions have now reached nearly £14,000. They came from all races.—A. P.

CHINESE HIT BACK

U. S. Air Attack On Indo-China

CHUNGKING, Oct. 30.

The Chinese Army spokesman, to-day said the Japanese grip on East China was weakening. He announced that the Japanese evacuating Kwangsteh in Fukien Province.

It is further reported that Japanese merchants and other civilians in Canton, Hongkong, Swatow and Amoy are preparing for the evacuation of these places The first batch of evacuees are expected to leave for Shanghai and Formosa in the middle of next months, the report said.

CHINESE CAPTURE SIAOFENG

Chinese forces have captured Siaofeng in western Chekiang, one of the three main strongholds occupied by the Japanese in their recent east-China offensive The recapture was achieved after several days of heavy fighting for heights around the city.

As bad weather lifted in south-west China, Liberators and Mitchells of the 14th United States Air Force on Wednesday staged widespread attacks on Indo-China Hainan Island off South China coast and Tengchung in south-west Yunnan in China, near the Burmese Frontier, says a communique from General Stilwell's headquarters.

Liberators again bombed Haiphong, railway marshalling yards being the target. They were not challenged by Japanese fighters. Mitchell Medium Bombers near Hainan destroyed a Japanese transport and a tanker.

At least one dozen of Japanese Zero fighters seen on the ground in Hainan Aerodrome were destroyed while a fighter which tried to take off was sent to earth in flames

"Liberators" Raid Haiphong

CHUNGKING, Oct. 31.—United States 'Liberators' put a large zinc smelting plant out of action when they raided Haiphong in Japanese Indo-China on Friday, said to-day's 'communique' from Gen. Stilwell's Headquarters. 'Mitchells' attacked jetties and aerodrome near the town. United States fighters based in China attacked a steamer on the Yangtse near Kiukiang and hangars at Kiukiang aerodrome as well as trains and warehouses in the area.—Reuter.

BR. SUBBAROYAN'S APPEAL

MADRAS, Oct. 30.

Dr. P. Subbaroyan, President of the Cricket Control, in a statement says:

"I am glad that the Islam and the Parsi Gymkhanas and the Cricket Club of India have decided to give 33-1/3 per cent of the gross takings of the Pentangular to Bengal and Bijapur Famine Relief and the Hindu Gymkhana have also decided to give the whole of the net proceeds which they would receive out of this tournament for these purposes.

"The Bombay Cricket Association are levying an extra fee of As. 8 per ticket, in order to help these two funds.

President Roosevelt To Meet Stalin?

MOSCOW CONFERENCE DECIDES MILITARY OCCUPATION OF REICH NEEDED TO SUPERVISE ARMISTICE?

LONDON, October 31.

REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON CABLES:—

MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND MARSHAL STALIN SOON—PROBABLY THIS YEAR—IS NOW CONSIDERED HERE TO BE CERTAIN.

The Allies reached full agreement at Moscow about the treatment to be accorded to Germany after defeat or surrender, it is learned.

This is one of the main results of the conference at which precise armistice terms are understood to have been laid down.

Well-informed quarters here believe that the Moscow Conference agreed that military occupation of the Reich would be essential for the supervision of armistice.—Reuter.

No Conclusion Of Conference Yet?

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.

It is understood that one of the main decisions at the Moscow Conference has been to provide for the establishment of methods of permanent consultation between the Three Powers. These would be centred in London. President Roosevelt's statement to-day is considered here to justify the highest hopes of success of the conference.

It is not clear whether his disclosure that agreements have been reached on a variety of subjects means that the conference has concluded, but American opinion is that if anything further remains to be discussed, it cannot affect the unanimity of purpose already reached on general objectives.—Reuter.

CROWDED HOURS OF THEIR GLORIOUS TASK

MOSCOW, Oct. 31.—(From Reuter's Special Correspondent)—Mr. Anthony Eden, Mr. Cordell Hull and M Vyaches slav Molotov have this week-end spent one of the most crowded times of the whole Moscow conference.

Mr. Eden arrived straight from the Conference table last night and spent 40 minutes talking with many of the 400 guests attending the big reception at the British Embassy. The Chinese Ambassador and Mr. Eden shook hands cordially and had an animated but brief chat

"How do you think the conference is going?" I asked the Chinese Ambassador. "It is the best day of my life", the Ambassador replied.

This reception at the British Embassy and dinner at the Kremlin were two important functions which crowned yesterday's proceedings. The 11th plenary session was preceded, accompanied and followed by sittings of the Drafting Committees as they drew near completion of their work.—Reuter.

STALIN'S DINNER TO HULL AND EDEN

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The Moscow Radio says that Marshal Stalin gave a dinner on Saturday night in honour of Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Cordell Hull.—Reuter.

Raiders Over Britain

LONDON, Oct. 31.

An Air Ministry 'communique' states: "Early last night a small number of enemy aircraft crossed the south-east coast of England, a few of them reaching the London area. Bombs were dropped at scattered points causing slight damage and a small number of casualties. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed."

The German-controlled Paris Radio said to-day: "British aircraft yesterday attacked objectives in occupied territories in the west."—Reuter.

ARAB TALKS

CAIRO, Oct. 31.

Contrary to expectations the Arab talks which were due to end here last night are to be continued here until Wednesday.

After yesterday's meeting Nahas Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, said that no statement would be made until consultations had been concluded. Syrian delegates are coming here to-day from Alexandria. 'Communique' on the conversations between the Arabian envoy and the Egyptian Premier is expected to be issued on Tuesday. The view of King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia on matters referred to him are understood to have been received here and the Egyptian Premier is to have another meeting with the envoy before a public statement is made.—Reuter.

OPENING OF THE NAVSARI BRANCH

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ON

NOVEMBER 6, 1943

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Navsari in the Baroda State is the gateway to the rich cotton-growing centres, next in importance only to Baroda where two branches already exist and it is hoped that this branch will prove to be one of the busiest and the most thoroughly equipped offices of this Bank.

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Reserve Fund	Rs. 50,000/-
Deposits	Rs. 3,02,00,000/-
Working Funds	Rs. 3,45,00,000/-

BRANCHES:

BOMBAY: 1. Sir Phirozeshah Mehta Road, Fort, 2. Zaveri Bazar, 3. Mandvi, 4. Maskati Market, Ahmedabad, 11 Baroda (Chadialipole), 5. Rajkot, 12 Baroda (Raopura), 6. Wadhwan, 13 Broach, 7. Jetpur, 14 Beawar (Rajputana), 8. Nadiad, 9. Anand, 15 Surat, 10 Dholka, 16. Bulsar.

NOTE: A Branch will be opened shortly at Godhra

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ALL SORTS OF COMMERCIAL BANKING BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

A.-I. WEATHER

POONA, Oct. 31.

Following is the weather-chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at nine hours (I. S. T.) on 27-10-43

Allahabad 86 63 nil, BOMBAY 94 76 nil, Calcutta 88 70 nil, Cawnpore 89 61 nil, Cuttack 89 69 nil, Darjeeling 61 47 nil, Delhi 90 61 nil, Dehra Dun 81 55 nil, Jacobabad 96 59 nil, Karachi 89 74 nil, Lahore 90 56 nil, Lucknow 90 59 nil, Madras 87 75 0.3, Nagpur 84 61 nil, Patna 89 69 nil, Peshawar 88 56 nil, Shillong 70 50 nil, Simla 63 50 nil.—A. P.

"Swaraj is my birth-right and I will have it".

—TILAK.

The Bombay Chronicle

SABOTAGING PROHIBITION

The Madras Government's reported proposal to discontinue prohibition, which is now in force in four districts, cannot be too strongly condemned. If it is carried out it will mean the sabotaging of a great and beneficent movement. Prohibition was most successful in Madras and the initial experiment in the district of Salem could be easily extended to four districts. To enable the Government to recoup their lost revenue and to extend the movement the Legislature voted the Sales Tax. But the Government that followed the Congress Cabinet stopped the extension of the scheme, though official and non-official investigators had borne ample testimony to the complete success of prohibition and to the consequent moral and material progress in the districts. The Excise officials and the police understood the new Government's policy well and promptly. They began by complaining that illicit distillation was increasing. Their latest Excise Report for 1942-43 repeated the complaint adding: "In most parts of the Prohibition Area illicitly distilled arrack is available. In Salem its supply has become a well-established cottage industry." The last sentence suggests that illicit arrack was distilled almost in broad daylight and on such a large scale as to make it a regular industry. In so far as this is a fact it condemns the Excise officials more than anybody else. It demonstrates their utter incompetence, if not something worse. If it is suggested that the people are now less enthusiastic about prohibition than they were before, we must say it is absolutely untrue. If the local authorities wanted popular support in any particular way, when did they ask for it?

Supposing it was true that illicit distillation was on the increase, it was the duty of Government, if they were earnest about prohibition and their own laws, to make better efforts to bring to book the law-breakers. Everybody knows how terribly earnest Government can be in suppressing certain political activities that are or are regarded by them as offences. They would never say that, as the offences were on the increase, they should cease to be offences. But so far as liquor is concerned, they have in effect said: "Since a few people distil liquor unlawfully we shall permit all who want it to have it under Government auspices." We share Mr. Rajagopalachari's hope that Government are not going to abolish price control because of the extensive black markets and profiteering of unscrupulous men. We also agree with him that the reversal of Prohibition, while retaining and increasing the General and other Sales Taxes which he persuaded the province to submit to on the basis of a policy of economy in salaries and prohibition of alcoholic drinks, "would be a scandal of the first magnitude."

Prohibition in the Madras districts has been an example to the rest of the country and its good work should not be allowed to be sabotaged. If the Government end its enforcement by law it must be maintained on a voluntary basis through intensive propaganda by the people. Mr. Rajagopalachari says: "Popular leaders are unable to organise Prohibition propaganda and social control as that would probably be understood as Congress intimidation and certainly lead to a clash with the officials." But since the propaganda has a great humanitarian value, particularly in these days of frightful food scarcity—liquor is practically food converted into poison—it ought to be carried on, though, of course, in a cautious manner. Let us hope Government will not create trouble but will give a fair chance to voluntary prohibition. In any case let it not be said that, when so much good was being wantonly undone, the leaders stood aside, helpless and indifferent.

Agreement

The most remarkable feature about the last week was that it saw the great Russian breakthrough in southern Russia which may yet achieve great and unexpectedly spectacular results. But the pride of place may well be taken by another and a bigger victory and a victory won jointly by America, Britain and Russia at Moscow. On Saturday President Roosevelt made at his press conference the dramatic announcement that agreement had been arrived at in the conference of the Allied Foreign Ministers and that it only remained to affix their signatures. President Roosevelt was in a happy mood as he might well have been in view of the tension of the preceding days and the stakes that were involved.

Writing on the inauguration of the conference we had said that for an Anglo-American-Russian understanding "two things are needed: First and foremost, a Russian acceptance of Smuts' pledge regarding the Second Front, and, second, a realisation on the part of the Allies that Russia is a full and equal partner in the war against Hitler and she has very special interests in eastern and south-eastern Europe apart from her interest in the rest of Europe." The details of the agreement have yet to be published and it would be better to suspend enthusiasm over them till then. But, meanwhile, it can be safely said that a satisfactory agreement constitutes a greater and more decisive victory than any yet achieved and an achievement of great significance to the post-war period. As an American puts it, "the spectacle of unity at Moscow is worth a score of military victories. It will spur warriors in the field to greater feats of valour and beaten men of goodwill everywhere to pursue the struggle for a more perfect peace which alone can justify the war."

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Pan-Arab Talks

Talks regarding an Arab Federation which were initiated by Nahas Pasha and General Nuri Said, the Iraq Premier, have been carefully conducted in a hush-hush atmosphere. Their secrecy has added to the suspicion aroused as regards the real origin of the plan and the motives behind it. That suspicion is now strengthened by the revelation of certain "difficulties" that are being met in the way to the conclusion of any Pan-Arab understanding let alone Federation. We are interested here in two of these. King Ibn Saud as also even Emir Abdullah of Transjordan have raised the issue of the Jewish problem in Palestine, an issue which should be the fundamental concern of every Arab. For unless the problem is settled in favour of the Arabs, to whom and not to the Jews, belongs Palestine, not only the plan of a Federation will fail but the very future of the whole of the Middle East will also be jeopardised. Another obstacle relates to Syria. The French, with, no doubt, the consent and sympathetic encouragement of the British, have coolly partitioned off Syria in such a way as to create a Christian State of the Lebanon.

Anglo-French Designs

The sinister nature of this attempt is obvious: both French and British Imperialists want strongholds inside the Middle East, the British in Palestine and the French in the Lebanon. With their influence in other countries, the consequence of the creation of such strongholds would be the perpetuation of British and French Imperialism in the Middle East. It is said that the British remain uncommitted as regards the details of the Federation Plan and their attitude towards the Jewish question. They naturally would. But the main question is: How far are they interested, through General Nuri Said, for instance, in the origin and progress of the talks? Incidentally, the departure for England of Iraq's Regent, Emir Abdul Illah, raises two questions. Why has he gone to London on a two months' visit? Moreover, why this sudden and hurried departure, so that he could not wait for the return to Baghdad from Turkey of Emir Zaid who is to act as the Regent?

Frontier Congress M.L.A.'s

It appears that, though a number of Red Shirt volunteers have been released in the Frontier Province, ten Congress M.L.A.'s continue to be in detention. The difference is not hard to explain. The release of the volunteers does not affect the Ministry. But if the Congress M.L.A.'s are released its continuance is in jeopardy. If they can be proved to have committed an offence, the mere fact of their being M.L.A.'s cannot stand in the way of their being imprisoned, though we can imagine cases when they ought to be released on parole for the purpose of attending the Legislature say, for the purpose of voting on a "no confidence" motion. In the present case they have not been given a trial at all nor are they allowed to attend the Legislature for any purpose. If the law allows this, it is a lawless law, an outrage on constitutional propriety.

FRONTIER CONGRESS DECISIONS

PESHAWAR, Oct. 31.

The Frontier Provincial Congress Committee met last evening in the Congress office after fourteen months. Almost all members, some M.L.A.'s and prominent Khudai Khidmatgar leaders from all over the Province were present.

The meeting reviewed the present political situation and chalked out the future plans of action. It was decided that prominent leaders should tour the Province to study the situation and give directions to local leaders.

The meeting passed a resolution unanimously expressing full and complete faith in the leadership of the organisation and appreciating the services rendered by its members to the Province.

A meeting of the Frontier Congress Parliamentary Board was held yesterday with Dr. Khan Sahib in chair. Rai Bahadur Mehrchand Khanna, M.L.A., was present by special invitation.

The Board appointed a sub-committee with Dr. Khan Sahib as Chairman to select a candidate for by-election to a Sikh seat in the Frontier Assembly from the Peshawar City constituency.—United Press.

BURMA EVACUEE IN TROUBLE

MADURA, Oct. 31.

One Burma Indian evacuee has been arrested for making a false statement that he was unemployed, and cheating a Tahsildar into paying him a sum of Rs. 48. He has been remanded by the City Magistrate.—United Press.

PENTANGULAR FOR BENGAL RELIEF

Hindus Likely To Put Up Strongest Side

Preparations are afoot to make the approaching "Pentangular" Tournament a success. There does not seem to be much opposition against this year's cricket festival,—perhaps due to the decision arrived at by various Gymkhanas to give a part of their net earnings to the Bengal Famine Relief Fund.

In view of this decision many of the opponents of the Pentangular seem to have decided to allow the Tournament to pass off as a necessary evil. However, their opposition against the principle involved still remains. They argue that if the cricket world really desires to help Bengal, it can successfully do so even on non-communal basis.

THE PARSI TEAM

The Tournament begins on November 23 with a three-day match between the Parsis and the Muslims. Palia who is recently appointed to skipper the Parsi team, is a good all-rounder, having sound experience of first-class cricket. Though actual selection is yet to be made, Bhaya, Khote, Aibara, Mobed, Meherhomji and Tarapore seem to walk in the team quite easily. Mody, Cooper and Mehli Mistry may also be included. Sali Kolah may step in, provided he shows good form during the remaining few days.

N. H. Colah, his brother, has put up some good show during the season, and it will not be a surprise if he finds a place in the team this time. Among other new colts are Khandadia, a left-hand bowler, Keki Dastur, a dashing bat, Dittia, an all-rounder from Hyderabad, and S. M. Mehta from the same place.

THE MUSLIM SIDE

The cool-minded S. M. Kadri is likely to lead the Muslims. Amir Elahi, Mushtak Ali, Nissar, Saeed Ahmed, Gul Mohmed, Gulam Ahmed (Hyderabad), Sultan Ahmed, (Poona) are all invited. M. S. Baluch, U.R. Chhipa, M. I. Merchant and A. A. Peerbhoy are also among the claimants.

HINDU TEAM

The Hindus under V. M. Merchant are expected to offer the most powerful combination of the year. The veteran Vijay aside, Jai, Rangnekar, C. S. Naidu, Kishenchand, and Adhikari are no lesser celebrities who are sure to be included in the team. As for the rest it will be better to wait for final selections.

The Europeans also are trying to get the services of the veteran Jardine, and others who are in India at the moment. If they succeed they are sure to offer a stiff resistance.

WEEK-END MATCHES

A fine century by R. S. Mody playing for the Brothers' Club against the C. C I. on the Brabourne Stadium ground was the feature of the Sunday's cricket. S. M. Colah from the opposite side scored an unbeaten 47. The match resulted in a draw.

THE BROTHERS' CLUB: S. N. Mehta 36, L. B. Kenny 0 B. D. Desai 17, R. S. Mody not out 103, K. C Ebrahim 13, R. S. Cooper 19 P D'Souza 32, K. P. Kesari not out 13, A. Dosa, S. Patil and H Reshamwala did not play, extra 5, total for (6 wkts.) 236.

C. C. I.: V N. Raiji 40, S. M. Kadri 39, J. S. Lawyer 5, V. M. Merchant not out 22, S H. Colah not out 47, extras 11, total 164.

Macaulay On Bengal Famine Of 1770

Kindly publish the following account of the "Great Famine of Bengal" in 1770, which I have culled out from Macaulay's "Essay on Clive". It needs no explanation or interpretation.

"In the summer of 1770 the rains failed; the earth was parched up; the tanks were empty; the rivers shrank within their beds; and a famine, such as is known only in countries where every household depends for support on its own little patch of cultivation, filled the whole valley of the Ganges with misery and death Tender and delicate women, whose veils had never been lifted before the public gaze, came forth from their inner chambers in which Eastern jealousy had kept watch over their beauty, threw themselves on the earth before the passers-by, and, with loud wailings, implored a handful of rice for their children. The Hoogley every day rolled down thousands of corpses close to the porticoes and gardens of the English conquerors. The very streets of Calcutta were blocked up by the dying and dead. The lean and feeble survivors had not energy enough to bear the bodies of their kindred to the funeral pile or to the holy river, or even to scare away the jackals and vultures, who fed on the human remains in the face of the day. The extent of mortality was never ascertained; but it was popularly reckoned by millions. This melancholy intelligence added to the excitement which already prevailed in England on Indian subjects. The proprietors of East India stock were uneasy about their dividends. All men of common humanity were touched by the calamities of our unhappy subjects; and indignation soon began to mingle itself with pity. It was rumoured that the Company's servants had created the famine by engrossing all the rice of the country; that they had sold grain for eight, ten, twelve times the price at which they had bought it; that one English functionary who the year before was not worth a hundred guineas, had, during that season of misery, remitted sixty thousand pounds to London."

Secunderabad, LAKSHMAN ROW P.

Musso—Then & Now!

"Let us free our souls in this movement from all that can divide Italians from Italians; and raise only a thought of purity and glory. Let us, in devoted and reverent spirit, salute the King."—So said Musso in September 1924. To-day, he stands on a different stool—Hitler's wicked tool—defying his King and bringing death and destruction to his own people and to his once fair land! Alas! What an Irony of Fate is this!

B. F. B.

Directory Of Muslims Of India

BOMBAY, Oct 9

The All-India Muslim Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bombay, has decided to publish a directory of the Muslims of India some time early next year. This directory will be divided into several sections, such as, political, commercial, educational, religious, social, literary, general and so on. It will also contain names and addresses of the Muslim officials of the Central and Provincial Governments, members of the Assemblies, Councils, Municipalities, District Boards and all other public bodies. A separate section for ladies will also be added.—A. P.

IMPORTANT CAPTURES BY FIFTH AND EIGHTH ARMIES

San Salvo, Pivot Of German Defence Threatened

LONDON, October 31.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa: The Eighth Army has captured San Elena and San Massimo.

From Reuter's Special Correspondent, Allied Headquarters, North Africa:—Following the capture by the Eighth Army of San Elena and San Massimo the Germans have been cleared out of Roccavivia, and the Fifth Army has captured Nocelleto which lies south-west of Franco Lise.

The Fifth Army has also captured Ailano north of Volturno and two miles north-west of Raviscania. The Eighth Army has yielded a little ground in its bridgehead on the extreme right flank, but has made appreciable advances in the vital Boiano sector among the central heights.

ON WAY TO ISERNIA

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The Algiers Radio stated to-day that considerable progress has been made by both the Fifth and the Eighth Armies in the past 24 hours. "Heavy rain is still falling and each step forward is laborious," the announcer said: "After the capture of Molise the left flank of the Eighth Army has swung around, and is now 10 miles from an important fork on the Isernia road. A solid German defence screen now faces the Eighth Army.

In the Trigno river sector, Gen. Montgomery has thrown another bridgehead across the river and has reached a point six miles from the road that leads to Vasto from Isernia. The Fifth army pushing on to the east of Massico heights has seized a feature nine miles from the road leading to Venafro.

SAN SALVO THREATENED

Coastal forces of the Eighth Army, in spite of very determined resistance, are seriously threatening San Salvo, the pivot of German defence in this area. Late reports state that Gen. Kesselring's position is becoming so hopeless that Rommel has sent him a tenth of the German forces stationed in northern Italy. A total of 25,000 men is said to have been sent to the Trigno sector."

ENEMY SHIPPING ATTACKED

CAIRO, Oct. 31.—To-day's Middle East air 'communique' states: "During the night of October 29, thirty of our heavy bombers attacked the airfield at Heraklion in Crete. Many explosions were observed in the landing area.

On October 29 a small coastal vessel south of Rhodes was attacked and abandoned by its crew. Air operations in the Aegean Sea area yesterday included attacks on enemy shipping in Naxos harbour, and E-boats at Cos.

In the Castelrosso area a Junkers 88 and one Arado 196 were destroyed. In the Eastern Mediterranean one formation of Eight Junker 88's attacked shipping. Our fighters destroyed four of them. From these and other operations two of our aircraft are missing."

Naples Attacked

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Oct 31.—To-day's communique states that German E-boats attacked Naples on the night of October and were driven off.

The Fifth Army has secured several important areas of high ground and Perugia, 70 miles north of Rome, was bombed last night.

Widespread patrol activity continues on the Eighth Army front.—Reuter.

GUILIANOVA HARBOUR RAIDED

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Oct 31:—Warhawks of the all Negro squadron were among the machines of the Tactical Air Force which on Saturday scored direct hits on shipping in Guilianova harbour and roadstead on Italy's Adriatic coast, 25 miles north-west of Pescara.

NEW DIVISION OF HINDUSTAN

Sir Edward Grigg's Proposal

LONDON, Oct. 31.

Reviewing Prof R. C. Couplands book "The Future of India" in the "Sunday Times" to-day, former Financial Secretary of the War Office, Sir. Edward Grigg discusses a constitutional proposal to which little attention has been given in this country. This is that the Indian Provinces and States could be effectively grouped in four regions, following the conformation of the four main river basins—the Indus, the Ganges, the Delta and Deccan regions.

Under this scheme there would be self-governing Provinces and States grouped under four regional Governments which would in turn be grouped under an All-India Council and an Executive controlling Defence, Foreign Policy, Currency, and Tariffs, and deriving its resources from Customs Revenues.

Sir Edward Grigg comments "The main advantages claimed for this arrangement are three: namely that it would maintain the unity of India under a Central Administration armed with minimum of essential powers and so devised as to cut the gordian knot of Hindu totalitarianism which the Moslems will never tolerate; that the four regions balance the two great religious systems, the Indus and Delta being predominantly Moslem and corresponding broadly to the present Moslem demand, while the other two are predominantly Hindu; and finally that it provides for economic development on lines which nature prescribes.

Objections will leap to the mind of every reader conscious of the difficulties which all forms of a political union present, but I hope that these will not lead to a summary dismissal of the whole idea. Any plan that starts new trains of thought may help to break the present deadlock and set Indian statesmen upon a more hopeful road".—Reuter.

18,000 NAZI SOLDIERS IN DENMARK

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 31.—A German division comprising of about 18,000 soldiers has arrvied in Denmark from Norway on its way to the Eastern Front. The Germans are reported to be replacing younger men in Norway by older during the last two weeks.—Reuter.

NO RICE IN MYMENSINGH'S OPEN MARKET

MYMENSINGH, Oct. 30.—The Government stock of rice having been exhausted in the town, the ration cardholders were given yesterday either rice or "atta" at their option. To-day only "atta" was given at the rate of 2-1/2 seer per card for one rupee.

No rice is still available in the open market in the town at the controlled rate. Agriculturists are selling rice and paddy in rural areas at prices which far exceed the controlled rates.—A P.

HAVOC OF CHOLERA IN FARIDPUR DIST.

FARIDPUR, Oct. 30.—The death-rate due to cholera, in this district, in the week ended 23rd October, recorded considerable increase. There were 274 deaths, out of 455 cases, as against 212 deaths out of 366 cases in the preceding week. The Madaripur and the Goaludo Sub-Divisions seem to be the worst affected. At Rajbari town, there were 7 deaths out of 14 cases. The actual figure of Madaripur town is not yet available, but in the rural area of this Sub-Division there were 66 deaths, out of 99 cases during this period.—A P.

"WANTED" CONGRESSMAN SURRENDERS

MEHERPUR (Nadia), Oct. 31.—Ramesh Chandra Goswami, a Congress worker, who had been wanted by the police in connection with some political case is reported to have surrendered himself to police at Krishnagar.—A. P.

LIGHTING RULES IN CHITTAGONG TIGHTENED

CHITTAGONG, Oct. 31.—In view of the present situation, the lighting restriction order is being strictly enforced in Chittagong town. The order was relaxed recently. The A. R. P. authorities have issued warnings and instructions asking the public to strictly observe the orders henceforward.—A. P.

"Naqqad"

The "Naqqad", an Urdu weekly from Bangalore has brought out an "Id" Number which contains, besides illustrations, many readable articles.

91 DIE ON SATURDAY

CALCUTTA, Oct 31.

Yesterday there were 198 admissions of sick destitutes in various hospitals in the city and suburbs. Deaths of 91 of such destitutes were reported from the hospitals during the day and 59 cases were discharged.

120 BODIES DISPOSED OF

CALCUTTA, Oct. 31.—The number of corpses disposed of in the city by the Hindu Satkar Samity and the Anjuman Majidul Islam yesterday totalled 120. Of these, 31 were received from the Police Morgue, 87 from the emergency hospitals dealing with sick destitute cases and the rest from other sources.

"STATESMAN" URGES "OVER-ANXIETY" NOW

Writing under the caption "Viceregal Visit" the "Statesman" in an editorial on Lord Wavell's visit to Bengal says:—Three days' inspection (as Lord Wavell himself must amply realise) cannot cure a malady of such gravity as has befallen Bengal.

The paper adds: "Prudence suggests that Bengal be classed a dangerously sick province for many months to come. We mistrust forecasts that all will be well with the gathering of this winter's "aman" rice crop plenteous though that promises to be.

"Complacency of prognosis having hitherto been the fault, there would thus be no harm in some over-anxiety now."

The Government of Bengal have so far accommodated about 3,500 destitutes in the city in four reception centres. Of these 2,000 have already been sent to destitute camps set up by Government outside the city. There are eight such camps within a radius of 30 miles from Calcutta with total accommodation for 40,000 persons.

MASS BURIAL

Deaths owing to the food shortage are occurring daily in large numbers in the Chandpur area, writes a special representative of "Amrita Bazar Patrika" who has been investigating conditions there. He adds that owing to the fuel shortage these bodies are being given mass burial. Sometimes bodies are also thrown into the river.

A report from Bera in Pabna District states that the high cost of funeral rites is compelling people to throw dead bodies into the river. Six or seven deaths from cholera and small-pox it adds, have been occurring there daily.

Sir Jogindar Singh, Executive Member, Lands and Education, Government of India, has arrived here on a nine-day tour of the Province to study the progress of the 'Grow-More-Food' schemes in Bengal.—A P.

MOON RESIGNATION QUESTION FOR PUNJAB ASSEMBLY

(From Our Correspondent)

LAHORE, (By Mail).

In the forthcoming session of the Punjab Legislative Assembly the questions regarding circumstances leading to the resignation of Mr. E. P. Moon, I.C.S. former District Magistrate of Amritsar have been admitted by the Speaker of the Assembly. The Government will be asked if any correspondence recently passed between the Central Government and the Punjab Government regarding the subject and the opinion tendered by the Provincial Government to the Central Government and if any influence was used to persuade Mr. E. P. Moon not to resign at least during the war.

The question regarding the refusal of the Government to allow to Sardar Sardul Singh Caveeshar to receive his copy of the "Bombay Chronicle", in Dharmashala jail and circumstances under which where and how the arrest of Mr. Jaiprakash Narain was effected in the Punjab and if any reward was paid to anyone for helping the police in making the arrest.

In another question the Government will be asked about the opinion tendered by the Provincial Government to the Central Government regarding the release of Congress detenus during the last month or so. Was the Punjab Government consulted about Mahatma Gandhi's reported letter to the Home Department Government of India regarding famine conditions prevailing in the country?

CRICKETER'S SAD END

SURAT, Oct. 31.

Death occurred this afternoon of the cricketer Yusoof Botawala, son of A. U. Botawala, also a cricketer, on the Rander Islam Gymkhana ground. Both father and son were playing in the local team against a Muslim team from Bombay. Father and son were partners for some time and had a good many runs to their credit. While taking a run, Yusoof Botawala collapsed and met with instantaneous death.—A.P.

U. P. Detenus Released

Early Releases Of More Expected

ALLAHABAD, Oct. 31.

Pandit Basant Lal Sharma, a member of the Allahabad Municipal Board, who was detained under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules during last disturbances was released unconditionally yesterday.

Other detenus recently released are Messrs. Sangram Singh, Srinath Pande, Triloki Nath Purwar and Rohan Lal Chaturvedi.

It is believed more releases of persons detained under Defence of India Act during last disturbances will also be gradually made.—A.P.

"Searchlight" Editor Brought To Patna

PATNA, Oct. 31.—Mr. Murli Manohar Prasad, former Editor of the "Searchlight" who was in detention in the Hazaribagh Central Jail was brought to Patna yesterday for medical treatment. He has been admitted into the Patna Medical College Hospital.

Mr. Murli Manohar Prasad was arrested last year during the disturbances under the Defence of India Rules.—A.P.

Frontier Congressmen To Visit Rural Areas: Sikh By-Election Contest

PESHAWAR, Oct. 31.

A meeting of the Provincial Congress Committee held yesterday, Khan Aligul Khan presiding, discussed provincial matters arriving from the release of a large number of Red-Shirts and the present food situation. It was decided to send group leaders in different areas of the province, particularly, in rural areas and start vigorous propaganda to organise the Red Shirt movement with new vigour.

The meeting approved the Parliamentary Party's activities and formed a sub-committee to select a Sikh candidate for the Sikh by-election The meeting will be continued tomorrow when an announcement about the Sikh candidate is expected to be made.

Among those present to-day were Dr. Khan Sanib and Rai Bahadur Mehr Chand Khanna.

PESHAWAR, Oct. 31.—The Congress Parliamentary Party again met this morning at Rai Bahadur Mehr Chand Khanna's house for about five hours.

After the meeting Rai Bahadur Mehr Chand Khanna told the Associated Press that the Congress Parliamentary Party had decided to undertake a propaganda tour of the Province starting from Dera Ismail Khan.—A P.

MR. MADHEKAR ARRESTED

MIRAJ, Oct. 25: Mr. R. N. Madhekar, a Municipal Councillor of Sholapur, has been arrested under the Defence of India Rules, says a report received here.—United Press.

Heavy Japanese Casualties

CHUNGKING, Oct. 31.

Further fighting in mountains on the west bank of the Salween river was reported in Saturday's Chinese war "communique". Clashes occurred on Wednesday at a point opposite Kungkaotu resulting in heavy Japanese casualties

On the east China front Chinese forces after occupying Siao-Feng in Western Chekiang and are continuing their advance north in pursuit of the retreating Japanese.

The "communique" also reported fighting in Hupeh Province where Japanese troops from Ichang, on the other side of the Yangtse river, attacked Chinese positions.

American aircraft on Thursday made a sweep on shipping at the Wangchowan and targets in Central China.

WASHINGTON: President Roosevelt sent a message to General Chiang-Kai-Shek on his 57th birthday expressing confidence that justice and peace will be achieved for the Chinese people under his leadership

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"We entirely differ from Mr. Amery and others in fixing the responsibility for the present state of affairs in Bengal on the Provincial Government and we greatly deplore this anti-Indian propaganda of the Diehards. It is ignoble and certainly not in keeping with the British tradition of sportsmanship and fairplay to make scapegoat of others for their own failings and shortcomings."

—Muslim League leaders, Nawab Ismail Khan and Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan.

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According to the "Economist" of London, "There is no prompt cure for India's present ills. The only sure solution of Indian poverty is increased productivity, more output per person to consume or to exchange for consumer goods."

And the experience of the last 100 years or more fully confirms that all this can, naturally, be promoted only by honouring Churchill's promise that the British "mean to hold what is ours."

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"The ex-Viceroy of India, Lord Linlithgow", says a 'London Daily Mail' columnist, "is a tired man. He is trying to settle down to life in a small suite in a West End Hotel after living since 1936 in the stately Viceroy's House in New Delhi."

We beg to add our own heartfelt sympathy to that of the 'Daily Mail' writer.

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But while Lord Linlithgow was tired and weary he did summon enough energy to tell the 'Daily Mail' reporter that "more British and American journalists should be sent to India to get a cleer and balanced view of the political situation there."

With the provisos, of course, that they should be permitted to meet no outsiders much less "insiders"—we mean Indian leaders—and should be guided by the briefs supplied to them from New Delhi.

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An India League has been formed in Australia "to foster friendly, social, cultural, trade and sporting relations with the peoples of India."

But not, of course, relations of racial equality.

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Marshal Stalin is reported on Saturday night to have given a dinner party to Messrs. Cordell Hull and Anthony Eden.

This virtually confirms President Roosevelt's announcement of the success of the Moscow conference. For Stalin rarely feeds his guests before they have duly deserved it

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Algiers Radio reports that the floods of the Aller and Loire rivers are the worst in Metropolitan France since 1866.

And Frenchmen had all these two years been praying for a different kind of flood altogether.

Madras Prohibition Act To Be Amended

MADRAS, Oct 31—Enquiries regarding the reported move of the Madras Government to discontinue prohibition, show that the authorities propose only to amend the Prohibition Act of 1937 with a view to remove the restrictions in the case of the production and sale of toddy the enforcement of which has not been found effective despite the vigilance of the prohibition staff.

The amending legislation is expected to be issued shortly.—A. P.

How to eat Bajri
—SOME RECIPES—

Bajri is eaten in several ways. A few of the recipes are given below. Bajri may admit of other recipes by itself or in combination with other articles. Ingenious housewives may find it interesting to experiment and try out various other preparations.

This is a well-known and common preparation. A little salt may be added for taste after the flour is mixed with warm water.

This is chapati made from a mixture of bajri, rice and gram flour in equal proportion.

Bajri should be lightly ground and the flour mixed with pulses (particularly moong) and then boiled together. Salt is added for taste.

Bajri is lightly ground, mixed with water and boiled. After cooling the dough is made up into small balls.

Bajri chapati is broken into small pieces, mixed with ghee and gur and rolled into balls.

Bajri is thrown into a pan containing hot sand and stirred. When the grains begin to crackle and swell, the contents are run off and parched bajri is separated by sieving.

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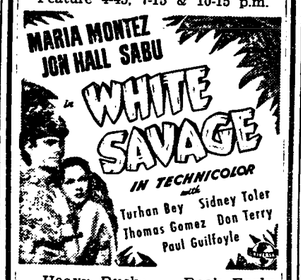

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HELP BENGAL

Reduction In Rice Prices

The Public Relations Officer (Rationing) writes:—

The Government of Bombay is pleased to announce that from October 31 the wholesale and retail rates for sort I and sort II rice in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District will be as follows:—

	Wholesale per maund. Rs. as. ps.	Retail per paylee. Rs. as. ps.
Sort I.	17 12 0	1 8 0
Sort II.	10 11 6	0 15 0

MALAD DEMANDS RATIONING

President of the public meeting held at Malad on Saturday last writes:—

At a meeting of Malad public it was unanimously resolved that Government be requested to introduce the system of rationing immediately and without any further delay as the situation of getting supplies at Malad has become very acute.

BIG HAUL OF OPIUM

A big haul of opium was effected by Inspector Bashirudin of the Central Intelligence Prohibition Department when he arrested a second-class passenger on alighting from the Calcutta Mail on Sunday afternoon.

Salamat Ali Khan, the passenger in question, on getting down from the train directed the railway coolies to remove immediately his two big fashionable suit cases and other luggage to a taxi, and while he was about to get into a taxi with his luggage, somebody from behind tapped his shoulders and said "If you don't mind, I like to have a look at your luggage I am Inspector Bashirudin".

The suit cases were opened when a In all, nearly 90 pounds of opium valued over seven thousand rupees were found and seized, and Mr. S. A. Khan was arrested on a charge of smuggling opium.

Mr. Khan will be put up before a Magistrate for remand.

"STABBED TO DEATH"

BOMBAY, Sunday.

One Babu Fakirdar was stabbed to death this morning at Kolbhat Lane, (Girgaum), it is alleged by one Raghunath Govind who is absconding. Police are making enquiries.

TEXTILE ASSOCIATION (INDIA)

The Hon. Secretary writes: The last date for submitting the Woven and Printed Designs has been extended to 30th November, 1943.

"Matrubhumi" & "Bharat Samachar" To Reappear

BOMBAY, Saturday.

The "Matrubhumi", evening Gujerati daily and weekly and "Bharat Samachar", Gujerati morning daily, edited by Mr. Chimanlal Shah, which ceased publication in January 1942, will reappear on Saturday, 20th November since the Government of India have granted permission for their revival.

RATIONING PAMPHLET: The Government of Bombay has published the Bombay Rationing Order and the notifications issued thereunder in a pamphlet form. Copies of the pamphlet are kept for sale at the office of the Public Relations Officer (Rationing), 65, Mahatma Gandhi Road, opposite Flora Fountain Tram Terminus, Bombay. The price is two annas per copy.

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

Last Saturday a letter appeared in the "Times of India" from A. Kirkwood Brown of Killick Nixon's. In the last para of his letter Kirkwood Brown said:

"Women officers in the S.E. Asia Command Headquarters are to be given permanent quarters in Travancore House, New Delhi, which is to be air-conditioned. My wife's air-conditioning unit was requisitioned "to protect delicate instruments necessary for the successful prosecution of the war."

What's wrong with that and what is Kirkwood Brown complaining about? Doesn't he know that women officers are also "delicate instruments necessary for the successful prosecution of the war"?

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To-day the Friends of the Soviet Union office open the Exhibition of "25 Years of Soviet Power." The Exhibition is to be declared open by Mrs. Naidu 'in absentia'. It shouldn't be missed.

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Olga Craen is giving a Remembrance Recital on the evening of November 11. It is not often that Olga Craen performs these days and she should be worth hearing. The proceeds of this Recital go to the Poppy Day Fund to be divided equally between the Indian and British personnel. Promises to be a good evening for music lovers. The show is at the Regal.

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Hightide: 1-50, 13-38 Lowtide: 7-41, 19-39.

To-day's Engagements

NOTICE TO JURYMEN

Common Jurors' attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

A.I.S.A. KHADI BHANDARS: A.I.S.A. Khadi Bhandar, 396, Kalbadevi Road and A.I.S.A. Khadi Bhandar, D'Silva Road, Dadar, (B.B.) will remain closed to-day (Monday) for sale on account of stock-taking.

MUSICAL CONCERT: Today (Monday) at 6-15 p.m. Mazdaznan Hall, Opp. Churchgate Station. Monthly free Musical Concert open to all.

24-HOUR DEMONSTRATIVE SPINNING

Twenty-four hours' non-stop spinning at the South Indian Association at Matunga came to a successful termination with demonstrative spinning at 6 p.m. on Sunday. In all about 17,500 yards of yarn were spun.

Meherally's Health

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Mr. Y. J. Meherally whose condition was bad yesterday is reported to be much better to-day. He has been advised complete rest by his doctors.

"25 Years Of Soviet Power"

Smt. Sarojini Naidu (in absentia) will declare open the exhibition of "25 Years of Soviet Power" organised by the Friends of Soviet Union, Bombay, today (Monday) at 7 p.m. at Vanamali Hall, Dadar.

To-day's Charity Dance

A Cocktail Dance in aid of the Bengal and Madras Relief Funds will be given at the "Green's Hotel", to-day (Monday) at 6 p.m. by the Society of Indian Magicians. Among those who will take part in the entertainment are also Eddie and Sarah Jason, Miss Esther Jason, Mr J. S. Bhownagari and Mr. G. Bocarro.

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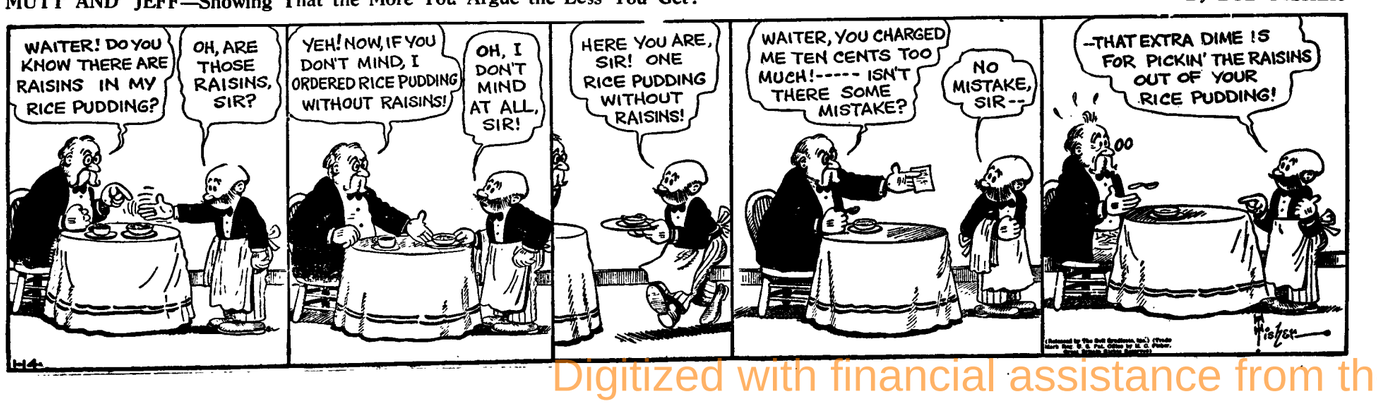
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO JURYMEN.

GENTLEMEN of the Common Jury summoned for the current Criminal Sessions are required to attend at the High Court, on 2nd floor, on Monday the 1st November 1943 at 10-45 A.M. (S.T.).

J. N. DUGGAN,
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay, 27th October, 1943. (6652)

NOTICE.

The frustrated Cargo Committee British Section c|o. Chamber of Commerce have for sale some consignments of confectionery, hair preparations, ivory ware, measuring tapes, hosiery, electric motors, medicines and Chinese specialities. Firms interested may see samples and obtain particulars on application to the Secretary between 3 and 5 p.m. on any working day except Saturdays. All offers must reach the Secretary on or before the 8th November, 1943. (6654)

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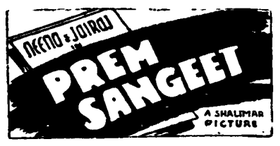

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3rd Day Saturday, 11th Mar. 1944
4th Day Saturday, 18th Mar. 1944
5th Day Tuesday, 21st Mar. 1944
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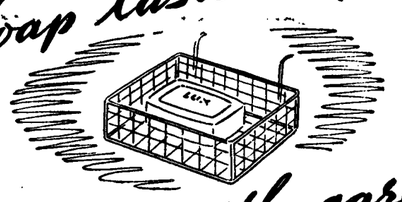
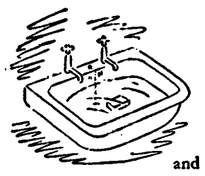


with care!

Because the raw materials from which soaps are made are not so abundant during war time, there is not quite enough soap to go round. Yet everybody must have soap, for cleanliness—of the home, of clothes and of the body—is essential to good health. So take extra care with your soap and make it last as long as possible. Here are a few hints that will help you.



don't let soap soak!

When you are using soap don't let it lie in water even for a short time. Soap dissolves very quickly and as much can be wasted in a few minutes of unnecessary soaking as will be used to bathe the baby! Keep your soap in a wire basket or some similar draining cup. If you keep it dry in this way it is unlikely to break up and you will be able to use it down to a thin wafer.

stick the old to the new

Never throw away a wafer of soap. Wet it and wet the new tablet. Stick the two together and leave to dry. The thin wafer of the old tablet will stick to the new tablet and be used right to the very end. You can do this with Sunlight, Lifebuoy or Lux Toilet Soap equally successfully.

but don't go too far!

If we suggest that you exercise care with the soap you use we do not suggest that you should take the risk of using less soap. Soap is necessary to cleanliness, and cleanliness—whether of clothes or body—is essential to health. Wash your clothes, wash your body, regularly and thoroughly—but don't *waste* soap while you do it

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